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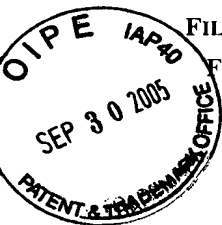
IN RE APPLICATION OF: BERNARD PAUL JOSEPH THIERS

SERIAL NO.: 10/753,453

GROUP ART UNIT: 3635

EXAMINER: Jeanette Chapman

ATTY. REFERENCE: THIE3009/JEK/JJC



FILED: January 9, 2004

FOR: FLOOR COVERING, FLOOR PANEL AND SET OF FLOOR PANELS FOR FORMING SUCH FLOOR COVERING, AND METHODS FOR THE PACKAGING AND MANUFACTURING OF SUCH FLOOR PANELS

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

| Fee Basis  | Number of Claims After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Extra Claims   | Small Entity | Full Fee   |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Total Claims   | 13                               | - 23 <sup>1</sup>                  | = <sup>3</sup> | × \$ 25 =    | × \$ 50 =  |
| Independent Claims   | 1                                | - 3 <sup>2</sup>                   | = <sup>3</sup> | × \$100 =    | × \$ 200 = |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim |                                  |                                    |                | + \$180 =    | + \$360 =  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                                  |                                    |                |              |            |

<sup>1</sup> If less than 20 enter 20.

<sup>2</sup> If less than 3 enter 3.

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- ☐ Please charge my **Deposit Account Number 02-0200** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: Correction of Information Disclosure Statement;  
Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449; references cited

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**PATENT**

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**In re Application of:**

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| <b>Application No.:</b> | 10/753,453                 | <b>Filing Date:</b>  | January 9, 2004 |
| <b>Examiner:</b>        | Jeanette Chapman           | <b>Art Unit:</b>     | 3635            |
| <b>First Inventor:</b>  | Bernard Paul Joseph THIERS | <b>Customer No.:</b> | 23364           |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.